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SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH ANTICIPATING A CERTAIN PAIGC VICTORY,
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ALMEIDA SANTOS FEELS THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN CAPE VERDE ARE

SIGNIFICANT. SANTOS REJECTED CHARGES OF ANTI-PAIGC SENTIMENT AMONG CAPE VERDIANS IN US. HE WAS ASKED ABOUT REPORTED INCREASE IN REQUESTS FOR US MILITARY FLIGHTS TO ISLANDS, AND HE MENTIONED US AID FAVORABLY. END SUMMARY.

1. APRIL 22 LISBON O SECULO CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER OF INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATION ALMEIDA SANTOS ON SUBJECT OF CAPE VERDE. SANTOS SAID APRIL 15 DECREE-LAW NO. 203-A/75 CONTAINING RULES FOR JUNE 30, 1975 CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IN CAPE VERDE (SEPAIR) CONFIRMED THE REVOLUTIONARY LEGITIMACY OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM) AND WAS THE LOGICAL OUTCOME OF THE DECEMBER 18, 1974 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOP AND PAIGC.

2. SANTOS NOTED THAT DIRECT UNIVERSAL ELECTION FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD HELP BLUNT CRITICISM THAT THE GOP HANDED CAPE VERDE OVER TO THE PAIGC. ON THE OTHER HAND, SANTOS STATED HE HAD NOT THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT THE PAIGC WILL WIN THE FREE ELECTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN A DECREE-LAW THAT CREATES EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CANDIDATES.

3. EXCLUDING EMIGRANTS, SANTOS FELT THAT PAIGC DOMINATES ALL SECTORS OF THE CAPE VERDIAN SOCIAL STRUCTURE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER CAPE VERDIANS IN US ARE HOSTILE TO PAIGC, SANTOS REPLIED THE PAIGC HAS NOT SHOWN FEAR OF THIS AND ADDED THAT HE FELT SUCH TALK IS TOO SPECULATIVE.

4. SECULO ALSO ASKED IF IT WERE TRUE THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN INCREASE IN US REQUESTS FOR AMERICAN MILITARY PLANES TO LAND IN SAL. SANTOS ANSWERED " I ONLY CAN CONFIRM THE FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN IN INCREASE IN RECENT WEEKS. WHETHER THIS IS A COINCIDENCE OR SOMETHING OF SIGNIFICANCE, I CANNOT SAY. I DO KNOW THAT, FORTUITOUS OR NOT, IT HAS SPARKED A STRONG REACTION AMONG THE CAPE VERDIAN POPULACE, WHICH IS VIGILENT IN DEFENDING EFFECTIVE INDEPENDENCE. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES, THROUGH THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, IS LOOKING AT AND HAS ALREADY APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, A BILATERAL PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR CAPE VERDE--ALTHOUGH A MODEST EFFORT RELATIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE TERRITORY."

5. COMMENT: IN REFTEL THE EMBASSY REPORTED FONMIN ANTUNES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUEST THAT US END P-3 FLIGHTS TO SAL. ANTUNES SAID REQUEST WAS MADE AT INSTANCE OF PAIGC. NO MENTION WAS MADE AT THAT TIME OF AN INCREASE IN US LANDINGS AT CAPE VERDE. HOWEVER, CHECK OF EMBASSY RECORDS DOES REVEAL THAT FROM APRIL 1974 TO APRIL 1975, 22 LANDINGS WERE REQUESTED. WE REQUESTED SEVEN OF THESE LANDINGS THIS MONTH. WE HAD REQUESTED NO LANDINGS IN THE TWO PREVIOUS MONTHS.
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